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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 2589

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, US, UR, NO

SUBJECT: SOVIET LNG

REFS: (A) OSLO 2588 (EXDIS); (B) STATE 138288

1. THE NORWEGIANS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT WILLING TO DISCUSS THE SOVIET LNG PROJECT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NORTH STAR GROUP UNTIL AFTER THE LATTER HAVE TALKED TO THE SOVIETS. JUST AFTER OUR DESPATCH OF REF A, SVENNEVIG TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS INSTRUCTED HIM TO TURN DOWN THE REQUEST FOR A MEETING AT THIS TIME.

2. SVENNEVIG SAID THAT, AS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, HE HAD REPORTED OUR JULY 16 CONVERSATION (DURING WHICH HE AGREED TO RECEIVE THE VISITORS THIS WEEK) TO PRIME MINISTER KORVALD. AFTER REFLECTION KORVALD DECIDED HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO START ANY TALKS UNTIL ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED NORWEGIAN TERMINAL HAD BEEN WEIGHED WITHIN HIS GOVERNMENT AND UNTIL THE NORTH STAR GROUP HAS VISITED THE SOVIET UNION. SVENNEVIG HAS THEREFORE JUST INFORMED THE ATTORNEY FOR NORTH STAR THAT BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE ON VACATION OF MANY OF THE NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS TO WHOM THEY SHOULD TALK, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE THE GROUP HERE UNTIL AFTER THEIR CONVERSATIONS IN MOSCOW.

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HE ALSO URGED THE GROUP TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL FIRST

WITH THE SOVIETS.

3. COMMENT: THIS INFORMATION OVERTAKES THAT IN REF A,
BUT THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LATTER REMAIN
VALID.
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